Dear Oliver, 1/11/80

Thanks for the P-D story on John, that on the DJ's newest self-investigation and the copy of the letter from Jimmy Ray.

Note that the guy who tried to cover up for Blakey in the P-D story, the same one who was liaison with the HSCA, is the architect of this newest sel-investigation - and that it points as the HSCA wanted, at John and Jerry. It appears probable to me that because this is absolutely safe, all principals save Byers being dead, no matter how unreasonable and unsupported it is it is the way the DJ will now go so it can wind up saying, Well, maybe," and not hurting itself or the FBI a bit while also not making any new enemies in Congress, which can hurt some in DJ.

Be careful with Jimmy, more because of Mark but because of both. Jimmy has made an incredible mess of his affairs, aided and abetted by Mark, who at some point may find himself being charged by Jimmy. If Jimmy ever lets himself realize what Happened to him, thanks to Mark's indluging of what he knew Jimmy wanted.

I know about Rosenson only what Jimmy and Jerry have said, Jimmy in irrelevant court efforts and Jerry to the press and a little to me.It is news to me, if it is true, that the committee had him hidden out in Knoxville in 1977. I thought he was in a Virginia jail.

While what Jimmy claims may be true I have trouble believing it. It is that he found an LEAA card (before there was an LEAA) with Rosenson's name and phone on the back, while crossing or just before or after crossing the Mexican border. One problem is how Jimmy got it because he supposedly never saw any member of his family or anyone else known to us from then until after his capture. So how did he get it back when the FBI returned nothing to him? (FBI got from Scotland Yard.)

It also appears that something was leaked. I had not heard of that.

He did write me, I did tell him I have such records but that I don't know where they are now because there is much to be filed. I told him that if and when he needs them I'll search for them if I have not found and filed them by then. I also told him to have Mark make the request, just to keep it neat enough for there to be no problems from or with Mark.

Please excuse the haste.

Sincerely,